

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY - APRIL 25, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, April 25, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Johnson, Christ Cathedral Church of God in Christ, Bellevue.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Raybould and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-seventh day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 24, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Amack, Angela K.
Greenlight Omaha
Foxx, Kelley
Maplebear Inc. d/b/a Instacart (Withdrawn 04/23/2025)
Holman, Matthew
Farmers Mutual of Nebraska
Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC
Mueller Robak, LLC
Smith, Scott
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM308](#), found on page 539, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM399](#), found on page 604, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM761](#), found on page 833, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM606](#), found on page 1126, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB246 to Enrollment and Review

Senator DeKay offered [MO199](#), found on page 1210, to recommit LB246 to Enrollment and Review to correct an error and for reengrossment pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8(b)(1).

The DeKay motion to recommit to Enrollment and Review prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB245 with 39 ayes, 2 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Ibach	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders
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* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB295 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB388 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judicial nominating commissions; to amend sections 24-802, 24-805, 24-806, 24-808, 24-809, 24-810, and 24-810.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commission member residency requirements, terms of office, powers and duties of commissioners and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, appointments, vacancies, elections, and automatic removals; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a suicide mortality review team; to define terms; to provide for powers and duties; and to require a report as prescribed.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M. Hunt McKinney Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB9 to Select File

Senator Conrad moved to return LB9 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA136](#)

Strike the enacting clause

The Conrad motion to return failed with 7 ayes, 27 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Conrad amendment, FA136, was not considered.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB9 with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 77-2604, 77-2612, 77-2615.01, and 77-4015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-1418.01, 59-1523, 69-2705, 69-2709, 69-2710.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, 77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions relating to notices of deficiency determinations for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to provide for taxation of alternative nicotine products, sanctions, and administrative penalties under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, to declare tobacco products involved in violations of the act to be contraband and provide for their forfeiture, seizure, and disposal; to provide for immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe
Arch	Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Clouse	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Bostar	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 10:

Ballard	Dungan	Hunt	Lonowski*	Rountree*
Conrad	Guereca*	Juarez	McKinney	Strommen*

Excused and not voting, 5:

Hansen	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders	von Gillern
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* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 245e, 295e, 388, 414, 428, and 9.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Committee [AM556](#), found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221, was renewed.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 314. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S) General Affairs Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

J Chris Stinson - State Racing and Gaming Commission

John Barrett - State Racing and Gaming Commission

Tyler C Ritz - State Electrical Board

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Committee [AM556](#), found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator Holdcroft requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 21:

Bosn	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Juarez	Wordekemper
Bostar	DeKay	Guereca	McKinney	
Brandt	Dorn	Holdcroft	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Rountree	
Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	Spivey	

Voting in the negative, 13:

Andersen	Clements	Lonowski	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Kauth	Meyer	Sorrentino	
Cavanaugh, M.	Lippincott	Moser	Storer	

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Hallstrom	Hardin	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Hansen	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 5:

Clouse	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders	von Gillern
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The committee amendment lost with 21 ayes, 13 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO207](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM556.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 0 nays, and 24 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider prevailed with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Committee [AM566](#), found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221 and in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 14 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 25, 2025, at 12:48 p.m. were the following: LBs 245e, 295e, 388, 414, 428, and 9.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB322:
[AM1142](#) is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Read. Considered.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Committee [AM884](#), found on page 1116, was offered.

Senator Lippincott offered [AM1175](#), found on page 1221, to the committee amendment.

Senator Lippincott moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

The Lippincott amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 13 ayes, 22 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 7 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 7 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 24, 2025

Mr. President, Speaker Arch
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission:

Lorelle Muetting, 19740 Chandler Street, Gretna, NE 68028, Governor
appointed member

Monica Oldenburg, 6521 S 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68512, Governor
appointed member

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:

[FA137](#)

Insert the following new section: Section 5: Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2027. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date. Renummer the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB414.

Senator Conrad name added to LB693.

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR22CA.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Guereca name withdrawn from LR19CA.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nina Kimbrough Johnson, Omaha; students from Shelton Public School, Shelton; students from Bryan Elementary, Lexington; students and teachers from St. Wenceslaus School, Dodge; students from Westridge Elementary, Elkhorn; Ryan Wicoff, Elkhorn; students from UmoⁿHoⁿ Nation Public School, Macy; Jill and Millie Owens, Iowa; Joan Luebbe, Goehner.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

